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Timely Tidbits ...

Interviews Begin

The Romulus Community Schools recently set aside three evenings (March 21, 6 p.m.; March 22, 5:30 p.m.; and March 23, 5:30 p.m.) to conduct initial interviews of candidates who are being considered for the position of district superintendent. The meetings, open to the public, were/will be held at the district's administrative office (36540 Grant Road).

The nine candidates are:

- Deborah T. Clarke (Superintendent, Buena Vista School District)
 - William H. Harrison (Superintendent, Madison District Public Schools)
 - Nancy A. Nagle (Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment, Southgate Community School District)
 - Sharon Jenkins Norman (School Improvement Director/Curriculum, Assessment, and Professional Development, Lansing School District)
 - Michael D. Teasdale (Executive Director of Human Resources, Huron Valley Schools)
 - Sheryl B. Thomas (Executive Director of Leadership & Accountability, Detroit Public Schools)
 - Donald B. Weatherspoon (Special Assistant to the Director, Michigan Department of Corrections)
 - Carl Weiss (Deputy Superintendent, Dearborn Heights School District 7)
 - Jerri Lynn Williams (Superintendent, Westwood Heights School District)
- Call 734-941-1600 for info.

Used Books Sought

The Friends of the Romulus Public Library is looking for donations of gently used adult's and children's hardcover and paperback books for its annual Spring Sale, set for April 24–26 (10 a.m. to 8 p.m.) and April 29 (noon to 5 p.m.). Donations may be dropped off at the library. For more information, call 734-942-7589. □

City Renews Contract with Waste Management

A contract approved by the Romulus City Council on March 13 ensures that residents' current waste-collection services will continue through the next 18 months.

Low-bidder Waste Management, which has been servicing the City of Romulus for 15 years, currently provides curbside pickup of household and yard wastes as well as various recyclable materials.

Carey Weihmiller, municipal marketing representative for Waste Management, attended the most recent Council meeting to answer questions about her company's proposal. Among the concerns she addressed was finding ways to promote more community participation in recycling.

"Currently, only 50% to 60% of Romulus residents are using our recycling services," she stated. "Our goal is to raise that level to 80% to 90%."

Weihmiller identified a number of means that Waste Management will use

to promote recycling, including the use of educational mailers and the implementation of a "Cash for Trash" program.

"Cash for Trash has already proven to be an effective program in other communities," she explained. "Twice a year – in April, in recognition of Earth Week, and in November, in observance of America Recycles Week – Waste Management will award two \$50 prizes to randomly selected residents who use our recycling services and properly prepare their recyclable materials."

Weihmiller will also work with local schools to educate the community's youth about the importance of recycling. These coordinated efforts will feature the distribution of informational materials as well as tours of the company's Woodland Meadows landfill in Wayne.

Residents who would like to begin recycling, but lack a proper bin, may contact the City of Romulus to receive one of 200 that Waste Management has agreed to donate. The company will

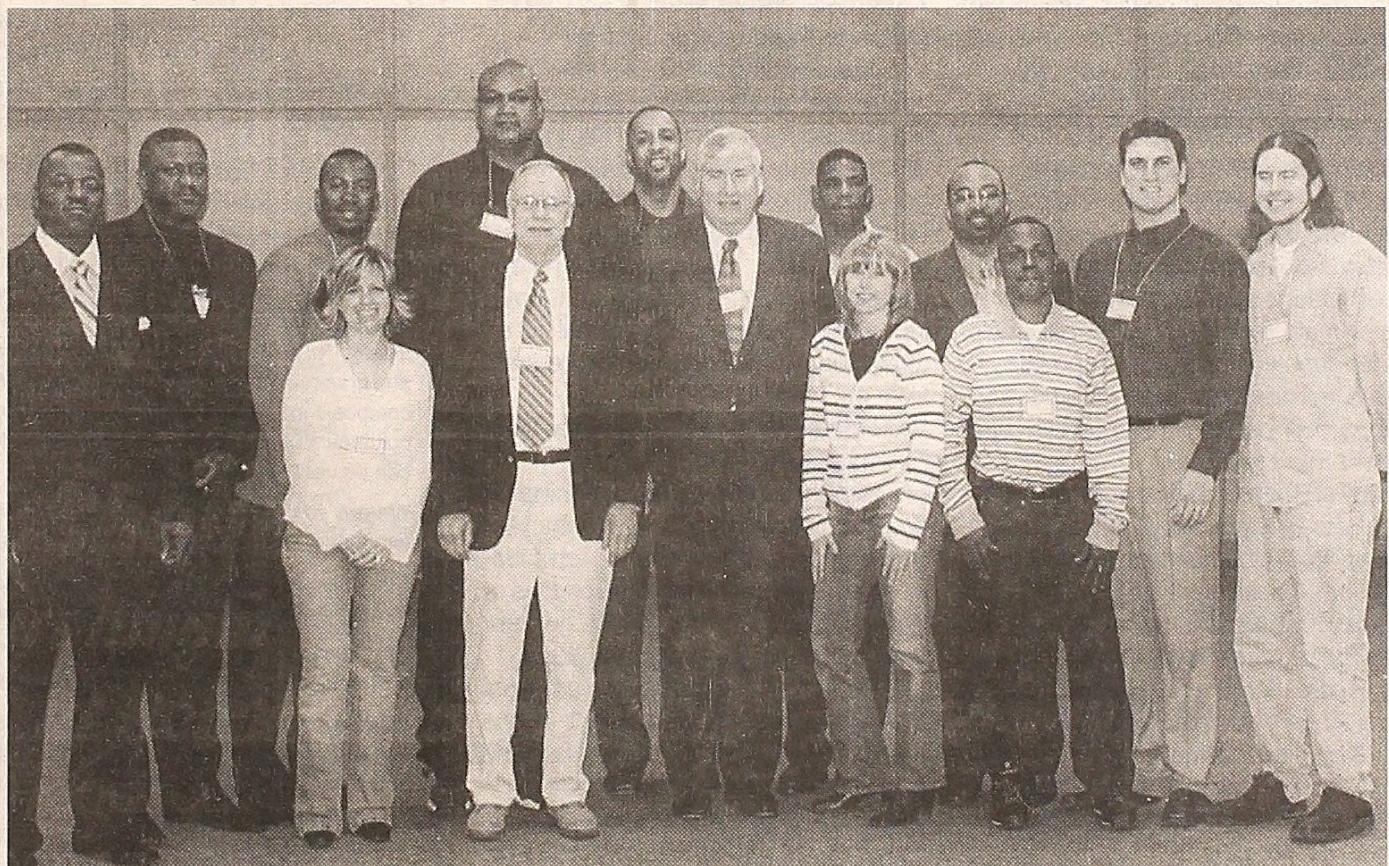
also make a free bin available to new homeowners; just call 800-796-9696 to request one.

Questions from Council members included Bill Crova's query about the possibility of extending Waste Management's yard-waste collection period to take advantage of the unseasonably mild weather that Michigan has recently experienced in the very late fall and very early spring. Weihmiller assured Council that her company will be happy to work with the City to establish more flexible dates, with any additional costs figured by using the overall contract rate to calculate a weekly rate that can be levied as needed. (Currently, yard-waste pickup is scheduled to begin on April 3.)

At the request of Councilman Bill Wadsworth, Weihmiller also promised to look into the possibility of adding cardboard waste, such as pizza and cereal boxes, to the list of items that are accepted for recycling. She noted that

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1986 RHS State Basketball Champs Celebrate Anniversary



Players, cheerleaders, and administrators who enjoyed celebrating the 20th anniversary of Romulus High School's state basketball championship included: (from left) front – Kristi Morris Gross, Lowell Johnson (former Athletics Department director), Al Wilkerson (former head coach), Jennifer Harriff-Steinbauer, and Maurice Butts; back – Steve Glenn, Javo Keith, Avery Jones, Terry Mills, Juan Street, Kano Staple, Troy Tipton, Brad Wilkerson, and Bryan Wilkerson. (See story, additional photos on page 5.)

Chamber Honors Maria Lambert



Chief among the many well-wishers who attended a recognition dinner for Maria Lambert (center) – named Person of the Year by the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce – were her father, Mario Devita (front), and her sons, Eric, Julian, and Joseph (back, from left). The event, held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on March 10, honored Romulus Downtown Development Authority director Lambert for her dedicated service to the City as well as for her tireless volunteer efforts with groups such as the Romulus Pumpkin Festival Committee. Among the evening's highlights was a slide-show presentation featuring Lambert and her accomplishments throughout the years.

Waste Management Contract Approved

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Waste Management has been reluctant to accept pizza boxes, in particular, because they are often greasy or covered in cheese, which attracts rodents and other pests, but added, "I think we can work something out" if it is an issue about which Council feels strongly.

The City's contract with Waste Management will expire on June 30, 2010. **Water & Sewer Bond Approved**

In other action taken during the March 13 meeting, Council approved a Water and Sewer Capital Improvement Bond to fund improvements (including water-main replacement) to the City's water-supply and sewage-disposal system. The bond, which cannot exceed \$7 million, will be repaid with Water and Sewer Fund revenues.

Brooks, Buckley No Longer with City

Betsey Krampitz, Chief of Staff to Mayor Alan R. Lambert, confirmed Tuesday that Department of Public Works director Carl Brooks retired earlier this month, and that Department of Parks and Recreation director Herbert Buckley is no longer with the City.

Krampitz had no further comment on the departure of either department head, other than to note that employee issues are confidential.

According to Krampitz, neither position will be immediately refilled. OHM – a regional provider of civil engineering, surveying, and computerized information system services – will be conducting a needs assessment and presenting

its recommendations to the City.

In the meantime, DPW assistant director Richard Suiter and Recreation Programs coordinator Kristin Irwin will oversee their respective departments.

Absentee Voters Must Call Clerk's Office to Receive Application

Just a reminder that everyone planning to cast an absentee ballot in the May 2 school election must write (11111 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174) or call (734-942-7540) the Romulus City Clerk's Office to request an application. Due to recent rulings issued by a Wayne County Circuit Court judge, the City can no longer mail out an application without a specific request from the voter.

Candidates for Precinct Delegate Must File by May 16

Residents interested in running for precinct delegate in the upcoming August primary election must file an affidavit of identity with either the Romulus or Wayne County Clerk's Office no later than 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16.

Potential candidates should note that they *must* be a resident of the precinct for which they are running, and *may only receive votes from other residents of that precinct*. Supporting votes cast by residents of other precincts will not be counted.

According to Romulus City Clerk Linda Choate, precinct delegates can win an election with just one vote.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office: 734-942-7540. □

THANK YOU!

After my brief battle with a serious illness, and the road I now travel on my way to recovery, I must stop for a moment to give thanks.

With all my heart, I am thankful for my family, my congregation, my friends, and my community! Your prayers, the words of encouragement, the visits, the flowers, the avalanche of cards and phone calls, and other acts of love and well-wishes have made the difference. During the most difficult days, just knowing that I had so many friends "pulling for me" was a source of strength.

I wish I could name each person and organization, but the list is so long! Please accept this simple note of love and appreciation for you!

*Reverend William Kren
Community United Methodist Church
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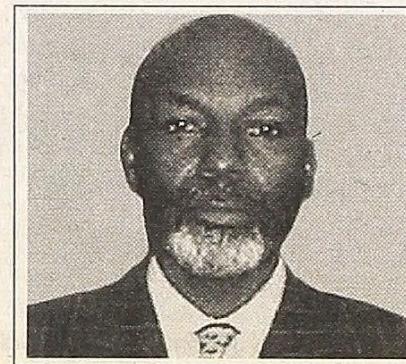
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The Police Blotter

Thanks to Sergeant Bryan Cozzaglio for submitting the following summary of the Romulus Police Department's significant activity from Monday, March 6, through Sunday, March 19. (Information is presented in the following format: date, time, type of call, and general location.)

Monday, March 6

- 7:57 a.m. – Larceny (block of 9000 Wickham)
- 9:21 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 15700 Isabelle)
- 9:58 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (B&E) (block of 6190 Dexter)
- 10:51 a.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 12:24 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 28800 Highland)
- 1:19 p.m. – Larceny (block of 6300 Second)
- 1:22 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 1:34 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 35700 Wick)
- 2:16 p.m. – Larceny (block of 29000 Whitby Dr.)
- 2:32 p.m. – Larceny (block of 6400 Chamberlain)
- 2:49 p.m. – Larceny (block of 13500 Huron River Dr.)
- 3:51 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 39200 Clocktower Dr.)
- 4:34 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 30500 Redwood)
- 6:08 p.m. – B&E (block of 6160 Hyde Park)
- 6:54 p.m. – Fight (block of 30700 Eureka)
- 10:20 p.m. – Rescue (block of 11000 Wayne)
- 11:05 p.m. – Property Damage/ Malicious Destruction of Property (PD/MDOP) (block of 9000 Wickham)

Tuesday, March 7

- 9:31 a.m. – Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC) (block of 34800 Ecorse)
- 12:11 p.m. – Trespassing (block of 35400 Wick)
- 2:30 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 5950 Swan Lake Dr.)
- 2:52 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 7090 Wayne)
- 4:13 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 35400 N. Alexander)
- 5:09 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 28500 N. Maple)
- 5:18 p.m. – Recovered Stolen Vehicle (block of 9450 Biddle)
- 6:08 p.m. – B&E (block of 30600 Redwood)

- 6:35 p.m. – Assault & Battery (A&B) (block of 28500 S. Maple)
- 8:08 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 35400 Golden)
- 10:19 p.m. – Unlawful Driving Away of an Automobile (UDAA) (block of 7000 Merriman)
- 10:26 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 30900 Flynn Dr.)
- 11:45 p.m. – Threats (block of 31500 Wick)

Wednesday, March 8

- 7:32 a.m. – Larceny (block of 30800 Flynn Dr.)
- 7:46 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 5940 W. Maple)
- 8:31 a.m. – Larceny (block of 8600 Wickham)
- 9:00 a.m. – B&E (block of 28500 Wick)
- 1:23 p.m. – Operating Under the Influence of Liquor (OUIL) (block of 5800 Middlebelt)
- 2:03 p.m. – Recovered Stolen Vehicle (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 3:20 p.m. – Threats (block of 28900 Goddard)
- 3:53 p.m. – PD/MDOP (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 4:31 p.m. – PD/MDOP (reported at RPD headquarters)

Thursday, March 9

- 9:20 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 12000 Huron River Dr.)
- 9:57 a.m. – Larceny (block of 10700 Middlebelt)
- 9:57 a.m. – Larceny (block of 6110 Central)
- 10:44 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 15400 Inkster)
- 10:45 a.m. – Threats (block of 9910 Harrison)
- 11:34 a.m. – Fight (block of 15000 Brandt)
- 12:12 p.m. – Fight (block of 6810 Niagara)
- 2:15 p.m. – Recovered Stolen Vehicle (block of 36400 Wick)
- 2:23 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 9080 Gabriel)
- 4:06 p.m. – Fight (block of 38500 Nottingham Dr.)
- 4:16 p.m. – Juvenile Complaint/ Runaway (JC/R) (block of 6710 Merriman)
- 9:07 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 11300 Ozga)
- 10:03 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 30600 Flynn Dr.)

Friday, March 10

- 1:23 a.m. – Death Investigation (block of 16300 Huron River Dr.)

- 8:57 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 28400 Northline)
- 9:15 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 35500 Margaret)
- 11:14 a.m. – Recovered Stolen Vehicle (block of 8320 Merriman)
- 11:52 a.m. – A&B (block of 34600 Lynn)
- 1:22 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 6160 E. Alexander)
- 1:26 p.m. – UDAA (block of 12000 Huron River Dr.)
- 2:01 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 6160 E. Alexander)
- 3:33 p.m. – Larceny (block of 6900 Inkster)
- 4:08 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 27400 Eureka)
- 4:31 p.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 6:36 p.m. – A&B (block of 38800 Rodeo)
- 7:07 p.m. – Larceny (block of 6000 Washington)
- 9:14 p.m. – Well-being Check (block of 36800 Chase)

Saturday, March 11

- 2:47 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 36500 Goddard)
- 2:56 a.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 29400 Ecorse)
- 4:02 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 15300 Harrison)
- 11:02 a.m. – Larceny (block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 2:28 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 28600 Van Born)
- 3:04 p.m. – B&E (block of 30600 Redwood)
- 3:22 p.m. – A&B (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 4:00 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 6760 Middlebelt)
- 4:45 p.m. – Larceny (block of 9000 Wickham)

- 5:48 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 35800 Beverly)
- 6:52 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 9000 Wickham)
- 7:25 p.m. – Off-road Vehicle (ORV) Complaint (block of 16200 Eastwind)
- 7:55 p.m. – B&E (block of 7210 Washington)
- 10:17 p.m. – B&E (block of 6020 Newberry)
- 10:48 p.m. – UDAA (block of 8600 Wickham)
- 11:12 p.m. – B&E (block of 11300 Ozga)

Sunday, March 12

- 1:54 a.m. – OUIL (block of 29400 Beverly)
- 4:00 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 11200 Gabriel)
- 9:35 a.m. – UDAA (block of 35500 Margaret)
- 12:41 p.m. – Larceny (block of 29000 Whitby Dr.)
- 12:48 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 16700 Heather Blvd.)
- 1:04 p.m. – B&E (block of 9610 Hannan)
- 1:47 p.m. – B&E (block of 6030 Newberry)
- 4:02 p.m. – Shots Fired (block of 6760 Middlebelt)
- 5:07 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 5940 W. Maple)
- 5:09 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 7770 Merriman)
- 5:43 p.m. – A&B (block of 37200 Goddard)
- 6:01 p.m. – Threats (block of 6760 Middlebelt)
- 9:42 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 33800 Ecorse)

Monday, March 13

- 9:48 a.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)

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- 10:59 a.m. – Larceny (block of 12600 Wayne)
- 11:43 a.m. – Child Abuse/Neglect (block of 6170 Dexter)
- 12:37 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 2:52 p.m. – A&B (block of 6050 Carnegie)
- 3:56 p.m. – Threats (block of 30400 Elm Ln.)
- 4:33 p.m. – OUIL (block of 39400 Ecorse)
- 4:49 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 36500 Goddard)
- 5:11 p.m. – JC/R (block of 15700 Isabelle)
- 5:20 p.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 5:41 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 6220 Middlebelt)
- 7:10 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 15000 Brandt)
- 8:17 p.m. – PD/MDOP (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 8:31 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 6050 Biddle)
- 10:53 p.m. – Missing Person (reported at RPD headquarters)

Tuesday, March 14

- 12:26 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 28000 Riverbridge)
- 3:15 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 35400 Hawthorne Dr.)
- 8:21 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 9:15 a.m. – Larceny (block of 28900 Highland)
- 10:01 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 9360 Biddle)
- 10:44 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 9420 Biddle)
- 12:16 p.m. – PD/MDOP (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 1:13 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 30600 Eureka)
- 2:31 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 3:21 p.m. – Recovered Stolen Vehicle (block of 6800 Cypress)
- 3:28 p.m. – Larceny (block of 15000 Brandt)
- 3:50 p.m. – Mutual-Aid Response (block of 46500 Willis)
- 4:03 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 35800 Beverly)
- 5:49 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 13200 Middlebelt)
- 6:11 p.m. – UDAA (block of 15000 Middlebelt)
- 7:28 p.m. – OUIL (block of 17000 S. I-94)
- 7:34 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6810 Niagara)
- 7:35 p.m. – Robbery Alarm (block of 7130 Middlebelt)
- 8:11 p.m. – Panic Alarm (block of 31200 Ecorse)
- 11:28 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 15000 Streamway)

- 11:36 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 14100 Huron River Dr.)
- Wednesday, March 15**
- 1:30 a.m. – Recovered Stolen Vehicle (block of 34200 Beverly)
 - 1:53 a.m. – Shots Fired (block of 15000 Harrison)
 - 7:17 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 6150 Fourth)
 - 8:40 a.m. – B&E (block of 6270 Inverness)
 - 11:46 a.m. – B&E (block of 28400 Beverly)
 - 12:47 p.m. – Larceny (block of 39000 Superior)
 - 2:36 p.m. – Trespassing (block of 9130 Hannan)
 - 3:17 p.m. – Larceny (block of 36300 Eureka)
 - 3:33 p.m. – JC/R (block of 35100 Lynn)
 - 4:10 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 8600 Merriman)
 - 4:52 p.m. – JC/R (block of 35200 Michele)
 - 5:24 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 31400 Ecorse)
 - 5:52 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 35400 N. Alexander)
 - 6:39 p.m. – JC/R (block of 15300 Merriman)
 - 6:41 p.m. – A&B (reported at RPD headquarters)
 - 8:13 p.m. – Training/School (RPD headquarters)
 - 9:37 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6160 E. Alexander)
 - 11:08 p.m. – OUIL (block of 35700 Wick)
 - 11:31 p.m. – B&E (block of 16700 Braeburn Dr.)
- Thursday, March 16**
- 4:08 a.m. – OUIL (block of 29400 Eureka)
 - 6:46 a.m. – Larceny (block of 30500 Flynn Dr.)
 - 7:02 a.m. – Rescue (block of 6750 Merriman)
 - 8:52 a.m. – Larceny (block of 9000 Wickham)
 - 9:12 a.m. – Fight (block of 9410 Biddle)
 - 2:24 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 9400 Wayne)
 - 3:32 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
 - 4:50 p.m. – Threats (reported at RPD headquarters)
 - 5:13 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 6380 Cogswell)
 - 6:19 p.m. – Fight (block of 28100 Willowtree)
 - 8:54 p.m. – Threats (block of 6200 Fourth)
 - 9:44 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 15900 Meadow)
 - 11:34 p.m. – A&B (block of 7050 Niagara)
 - 11:38 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 35800 Beverly)

Friday, March 17

- 2:27 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 11000 Wahrman)
 - 8:00 a.m. – B&E (block of 28900 Beverly)
 - 9:42 a.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 6900 Cogswell)
 - 11:39 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 30700 Beverly)
 - 12:27 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 6530 Middlebelt)
 - 1:00 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 35600 Van Born)
 - 3:02 p.m. – Larceny (block of 28400 Highland)
 - 5:32 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 16100 Meadow)
 - 5:41 p.m. – OUIL (block of 31400 Ecorse)
 - 7:50 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 9370 Terry)
 - 9:49 p.m. – Threats (block of 8230 Merriman)
 - 10:26 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6400 Chamberlain)
 - 10:53 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 36200 Cypress)
 - 11:15 p.m. – Fight (block of 16000 Orchard)
- Saturday, March 18**
- 7:35 a.m. – Juvenile Complaint/Runaway (block of 6400 Merriman)
 - 9:36 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6320 Hunt)
 - 10:25 a.m. – Trespassing (block of 8430 Wahrman)
 - 3:28 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 30100 Cherry)
 - 3:58 p.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD Headquarters)
 - 4:26 p.m. – JC/R (block of 9080 Gabriel)
 - 7:53 p.m. – OUIL (block of 13000 Huron River Dr.)
 - 10:10 p.m. – Man with a Weapon (block of 7600 Merriman)
- Sunday, March 19**
- 12:14 a.m. – OUIL (block of 9300 Hannan)
 - 5:59 a.m. – UDAA (reported at RPD Headquarters)
 - 7:44 a.m. – Threats (block of 13400 Huron River Dr.)
 - 9:50 a.m. – B&E (block of 15200 Inkster)
 - 10:04 a.m. – JC/R (block of 7600 Merriman)
 - 11:02 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 35200 Michele)
 - 1:30 p.m. – Fight (block of 28600 N. Maple)
 - 3:39 p.m. – Larceny (block of 34500 Northline)
 - 4:21 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 30100 Jamestown)
 - 4:40 p.m. – JC/R (block of 11300 Metro Airport Center Dr.)
 - 7:28 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 35000 Michele) □

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RHS State Basketball Champs Celebrate 20th Anniversary



Athletics Department director Mark Woodson (left), with RHS principal Dan Hurst, honored the 1986 team with a 4'x6' picture on the fieldhouse wall.



Among the special guests who attended the championship reunion were: (from left) front – Romulus City Councilwoman Ellen Craig-Bragg, Board of Education trustee Cheryle Buckley, Board treasurer Niema White, Councilman John Barden, Terry Mills, Herb Buckley, Board vice-president Celeste Roscoe, and Board trustee Thomas Kuderik; back – Ron Buckley.

Romulus High School's 1986 state champion basketball team celebrated the 20th anniversary of its memorable achievement with a reunion at Romulus High School. Those who attended the event—including team members, cheerleaders, former and current district personnel, and local residents—were treated to an excellent meal prepared by the RHS Culinary Arts Department. Team members received handsome basketball-player figures and cheerleaders were presented with commemorative medallions during halftime festivities at the recent Romulus-Ypsilanti game.

Former head coach Al Wilkerson, now the principal at Community High School, was very happy to see eight of his former players at the reunion.

"We had a great time, and shared many memories of our historic tournament run," said Wilkerson, who will retire this June after 30 years with the district. "For those who don't remember, we

shot almost 70%, and beat Detroit Southwestern, the number-one team in Michigan at that time, to win the championship game."

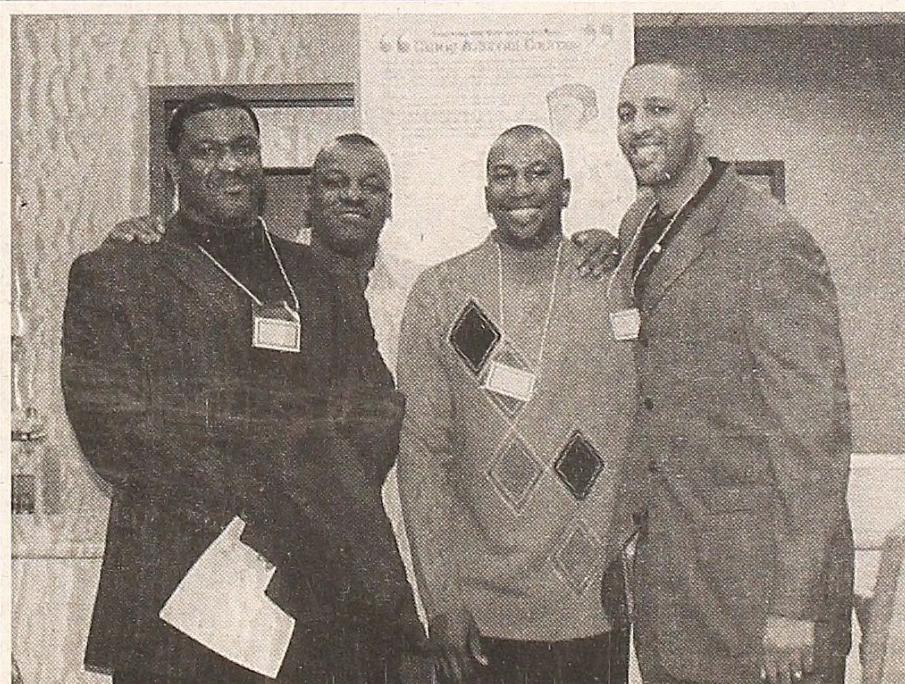
Former Romulus Athletics Department director Lowell Johnson was also among those in attendance, as was high-school All-American Terry Mills, who later won a national championship with the University of Michigan and starred in the NBA. Additional team members who were on hand for the reunion included current RHS assistant coach Steve Glenn, Javo Keith, Avery Jones, Juan Street, Kano Staple, Troy Tipton, and Maurice Butts, as well as Wilkerson's sons, ball boys Brad and Bryan Wilkerson.

On behalf of the Romulus Community Schools and the residents of Romulus, district spokesperson Dick Kruse extended his best wishes to the team.

"We thank them for the unforgettable memories and the great pride they brought to Romulus," he said. □



(From left) Former coach Al Wilkerson got to talk about old times with RHS principal Dan Hurst, assistant principal Don Foley, and former Athletics Department director Lowell Johnson.



(From left) Javo Keith, Steve Glenn, Avery Jones, and Juan Street enjoyed renewing acquaintances.



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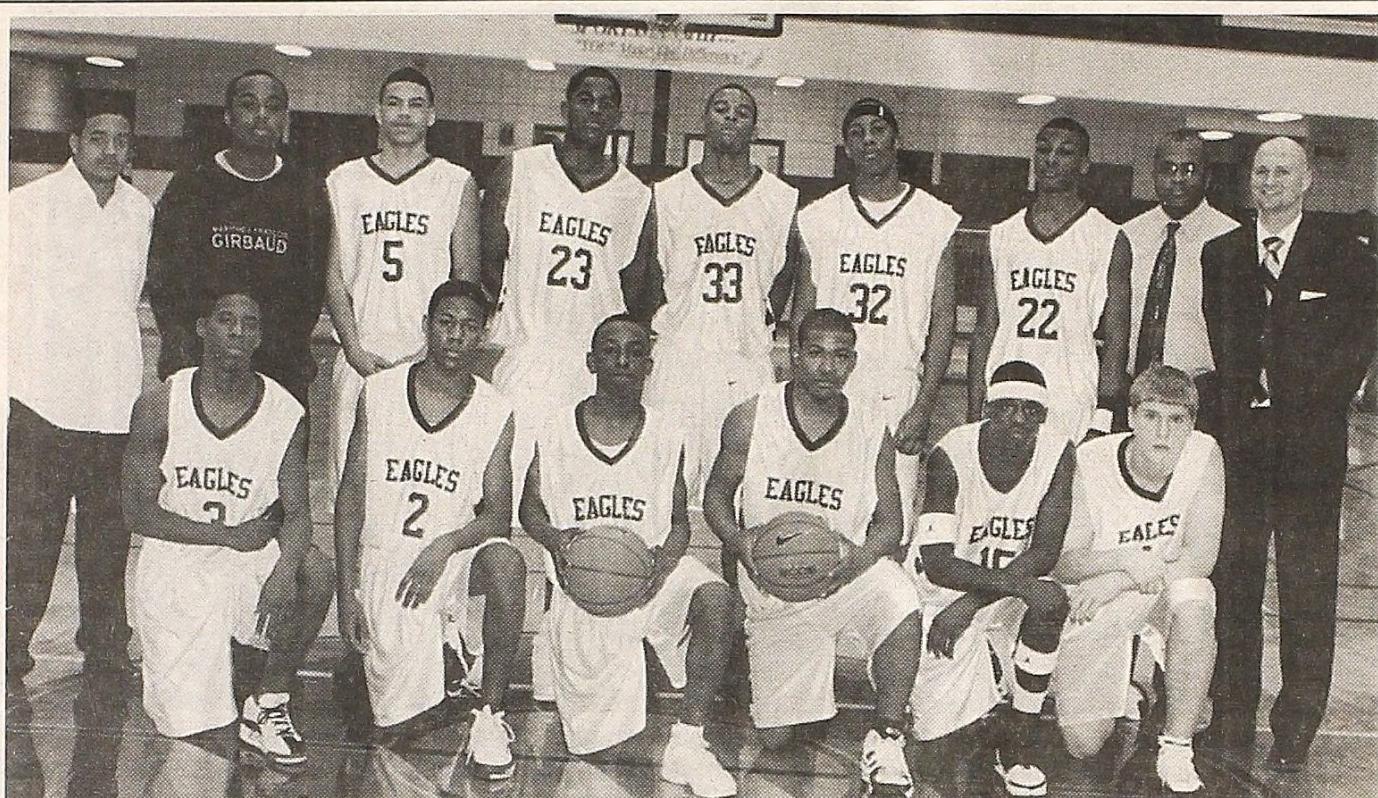
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RHS JV Basketball Team Finishes Perfect 19–0 Season



Josh Baker (back, right), JV basketball coach at Romulus High School, is proud of his undefeated team: (from left) front – Rashard Porter, Cody Barnes, Filmore Bouldes, Larry Horne, Valdez Green, and Steve Hawes; back – assistant coach Justin Smith, Delando Armstrong, Martell Anderson, Steven Sanders, Devin Pankey, Laron Rodgers, and assistant coach Ken Smith.

A perfect 19–0 record posted by the Romulus High School Eagles junior varsity basketball team during the 2005–2006 season bodes well for the future of

RHS basketball, according to Romulus Community Schools spokesperson Dick Kruse.

"The Eagles won most of their

games by 20 points or more, but had two real barn-burners," said Kruse. "They managed to beat Saginaw Arthur Hill by two points in overtime, and had to sur-

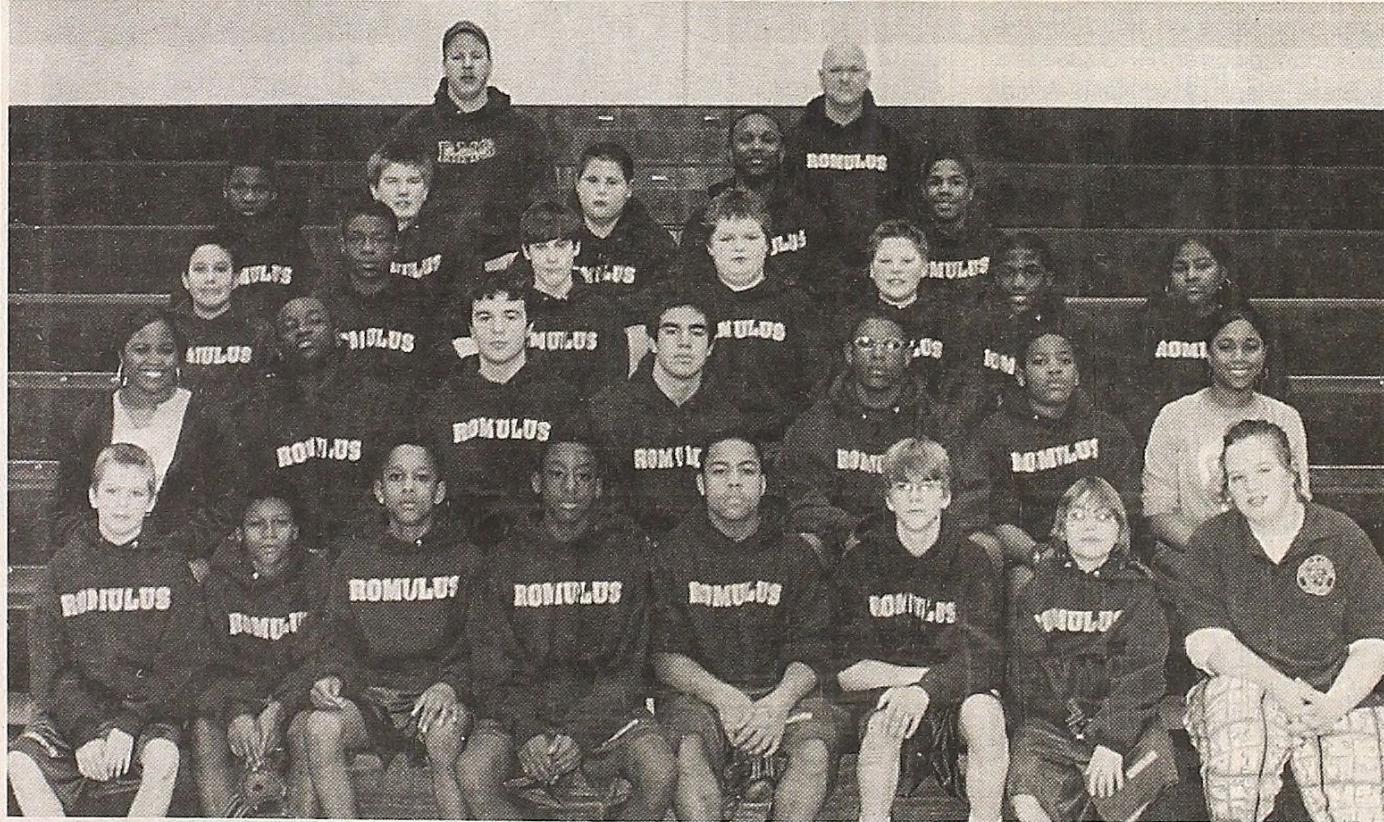
vive an unbelievable finish to beat Ann Arbor Huron, 60–59."

In the Ann Arbor game, down by 3 points with 20 seconds remaining, the Eagles brought the ball down court. Ten seconds later, Martell Anderson tied the game with a long three-point basket from the corner, but then a River Rats guard raced untouched the length of the floor to score a layup with just 5 seconds to go. The Eagles' Devin Pankey quickly came back and put up a 12-foot shot as time expired, but the ball, which initially got stuck between the rim and the basket, fell harmlessly to the floor.

Unnoticed in the scramble, however, was the referee's whistle. Pankey went to the free-throw line with an opportunity to tie the game with 2 shots. When he missed the first basket, the Ann Arbor players went wild in celebration, only to hear the referee's whistle again. The River Rats had drawn a technical foul because they had too many players on the court. After Pankey made his second free throw, making the score 59–58 Huron, star guard Filmore Bouldes came out to swish both technical free throws and win the game.

"This was an unbelievable season, and I really have to compliment the kids," said Baker. "We just had a really good team this year, and it was a pleasure to coach and work with them." □

RMS Wrestling Enjoying Fine Season



Romulus Middle School wrestling coach Bill Garland (back, left) is proud of his team's noteworthy season, which has included highlights such as a second-place finish in a recent 13-team tournament. Team members include: (from left) front – Travis Trout, Terrence Holliday, Murphy Beckon, Daniel Story, Chris Mobley, Brandon Gregg, Seth Urban, and Courtney Blakeney; second row – Beatrice Boyd, Dane Snowball*, Jon Perez*, Zach Toilolo*, Marcel Rogers*, Mattarius Buford, and Brianna Boyd; third row – Zach Curry, Demetris Hughes, Jacob Heil, Mike Householder, Cody Argo, Ardale Foster, and Teanna White; back – Shakeim Higgins, Robert Hayes, Benjamin Camilleri, Darius Smith, and John Jones; back – assistant coach Dale Gotts. *co-captains

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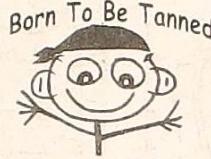
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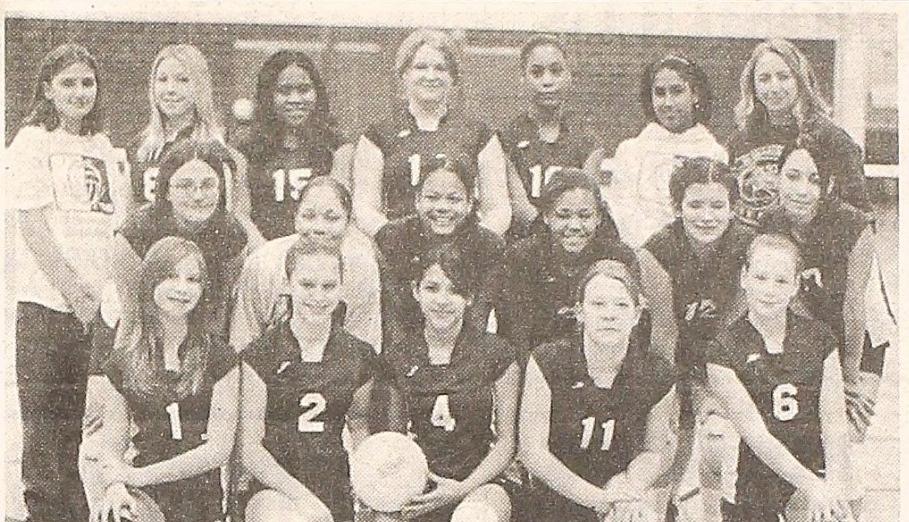
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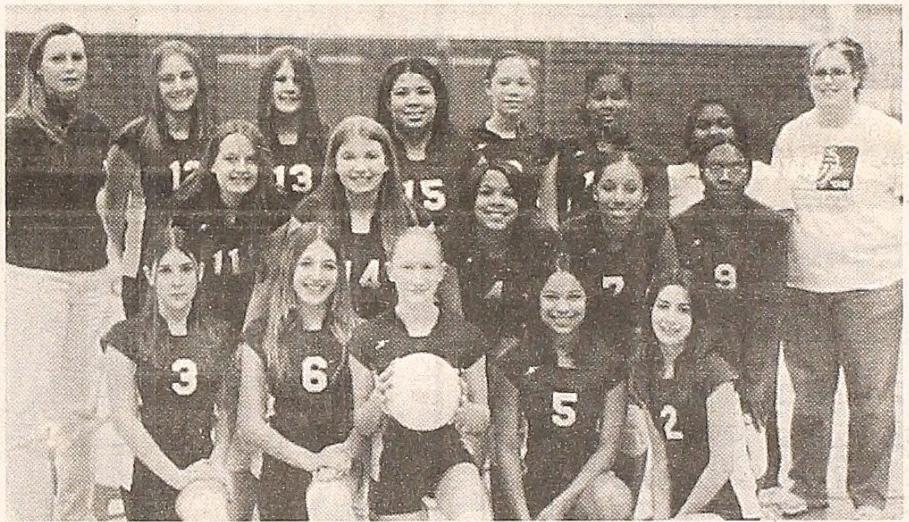
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RMS Volleyball



Romulus Middle School's seventh-grade volleyball team is playing nicely for coach Kathleen Forrest (back, right). The team includes: (from left) front – Rachael Stafford, Amanda Richards, Katelynn Buyer, Catherine Bratcher, and Alesha Howington; middle – Kelly McGlynn, Amber Considine, Courtnee Johnson, Chelsea Roper, Carman Plank, and Kaessi Torres; back – Amanda Wagle, Valerie Crawford, Naikiya Yeamen, Sarah Freeman, Monique Ellis, and Astacia Watts.



Also having a good season is Romulus Middle School's eighth-grade volleyball team: (from left) front – Caitlynn Lefler, Brittany Wilkewitz, Chelsey Wojciechowski, Cieara Franklin, and Sheila Watts; middle – Amber Sears, Leanne Dawson, Brianna Shreve, Destiny Swanigan, and Beizhonn Davis; back – head coach Amy Lusher, Ashley Wagle, Sheila Reeves, Brooke Tanner, Charlena Mabry, LaTonya Owensby, Tiffani Adkins, and assistant coach Andrea Jurk.



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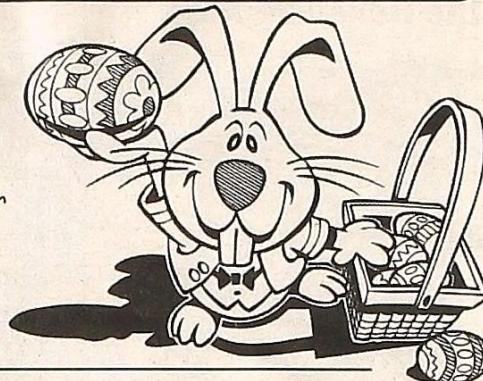
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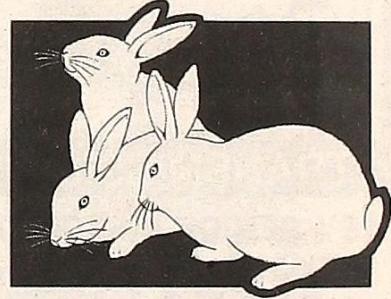
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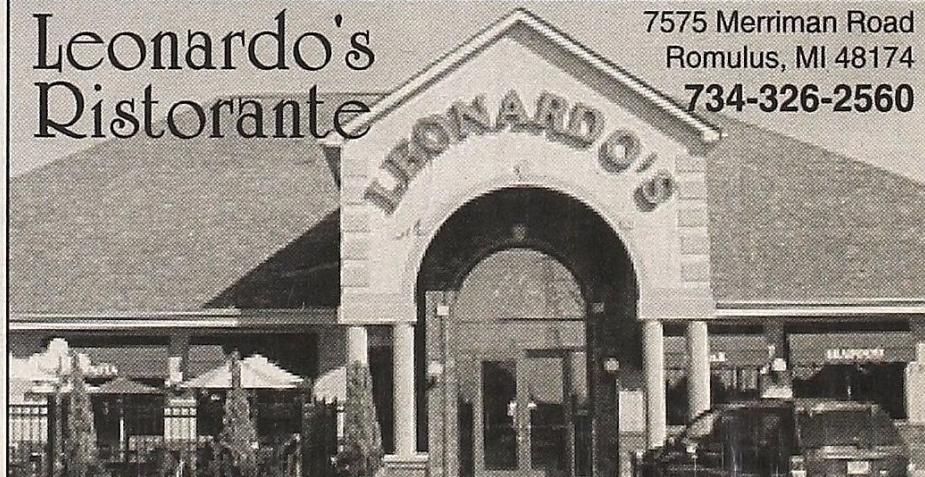


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- **Spring Flea Market** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (corner of Ellis and Craig streets, New Boston), will host a Spring Flea Market from March 30–April 1 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Everyone welcome!
- "No Foolin' Sale" – A "No Foolin' Sale" will be held at Barth Elementary School (38207 Barth Road) on Saturday, April 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., to raise money for an upcoming educational trip for the fifth-grade class. The event will feature vendor wares and used items such as electronics, videos, games, household items, and clothing, as well as food/drinks and awesome raffle items. Table space (\$25) is still available; call 734-502-1186 to reserve a spot. (Space is limited, and will be allotted on a first-come/first-served basis.)
- **Preschoolers Reading Fair** – The third annual Romulus Preschoolers Reading Fair will be held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road, south of Goddard, next to City Hall) on Saturday, April 1, from 10 a.m. to noon. The event will feature community leaders reading stories to preschoolers as well as parenting videos, souvenirs from Romulus firefighters, and refreshments. Applying for a library card (or showing one) gives families the chance to win raffle prizes, including weekend hotel getaways and educational toys. Everything is free and open to all family members. For more information, call the Romulus Community Schools Community Education Department at 734-532-1953.
- **Nursery Hosts Open House** – Huron Countryside Co-op Nursery (located in St. Paul's Church, 19109 Craig Street, New Boston) will host its annual open house on Tuesday, April 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. The event offers the perfect opportunity to learn more about HCCN's programs for children ages 2–5. For more information, call Maria (734-753-5999).
- **Celebrate National Library Week** – In observance of National Library Week (April 2–8), the Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road) is hosting two special programs for local children: ***Adventures in Reading***, featuring Mike Boynton from Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano's office (Tuesday, April 4, 4:30 p.m.), and ***Sweet Potato the Clown***, portrayed by Denise Gutenschwager (Thursday, April 6, 4:30 p.m.). Both programs are free to the public. For more information, call 734-942-7589.
- "Second Monday" Book Club – Meetings of the Romulus Public Library's new Second Monday Book Club – open to everyone 18 and older – are held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road, south of Goddard) from 7 to 8:15 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Advance registration is not required; just read the suggested book, then drop in. Copies of the suggested books will be available at the library, or library staff members can assist you in getting an interlibrary loan. Books planned for upcoming discussions include: ***The Great Gatsby*** (classic fiction) by F. Scott Fitzgerald (April 10); ***Beautiful Jim Key*** (nonfiction) by Mim Eichler Rivas (May 8); and ***Chocolat*** (fiction) by Joanne Harris. For information, call 734-942-7589.
- **Spring Craft Show** – Romulus Progressive Hall (11580 Ozga) will host a Spring Craft Show on Saturday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featured for sale will be hand-painted items, jewelry, baskets, wreaths, candles, purses, woodcraft items, candy, Avon, Mary Kay, Country Crafts, and much, much more. Refreshments will also be available. For more information, please call 941-3044.
- **Bowl-A-Rama Benefits Animal Shelter** – Romulus Lanes will host a 9-Pin No-Tap Tournament at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 29, to benefit the Friends of the Romulus Animal Shelter Fund. Handicap doubles and singles events will be scheduled. Cost is \$25 per person per event or \$40 per person for two events. (Ladies' and men's mystery games, snacks, and cash prizes included.) Other highlights will include a 50/50 raffle and other jackpots. Early registration is strongly urged, since space is limited. For rules and/or other info, call Romulus Lanes (734-941-6200), Councilman Bill Wadsworth (941-0616), Joe Ozog (941-3466), or Frank Ayers (734-729-7467).

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Although there is no charge for the class, preregistration is required. Since space is limited, sign-ups will be accepted on a first-come/first-served basis. Call 734-942-7589.

Easter-egg Hunt

The Romulus Recreation Department's annual Easter-egg Hunt will be held – rain or shine – in the park behind the new Romulus Senior Center (36525 Bibbins) on Saturday, April 15. Egg hunts will be divided into four age groups: three and under, four to five years, six to seven years, and eight to ten years. Some eggs will contain special prizes. Participants must bring their own basket or bag to store the eggs they collect.

The event will begin promptly at noon. Be sure to allow enough time for parking, which will be permitted in the Senior Center parking lot and along Olive Street. Upon arrival, report directly to the patio area behind the Senior Center.

This event is free to Romulus residents and their families. No preregistration is required. For further information, call 734-941-8665.

Easter-egg Painting

Ages 5–13 are invited to take part in the Recreation Department's Easter-egg Painting class, which will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 15, at a site to be announced later. (Call the Center at 734-941-8665 to verify.)

Cost for the class is \$5 per person. No preregistration is necessary; supplies will be distributed on a first-come/first-served basis. For more information, call 734-941-8665.

Church Services

Area churches offering special holiday services include St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran, located at the corner of Ellis and Craig streets in New Boston. Special services include:

- Maundy Thursday (with Holy Communion): April 13th, 7 p.m.
- Good Friday (with Holy Communion): April 14, noon and 7 p.m.
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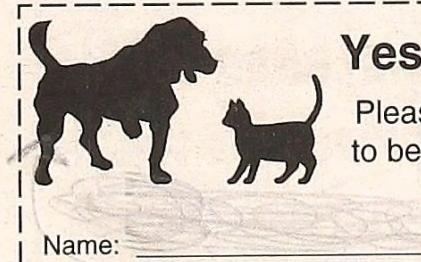
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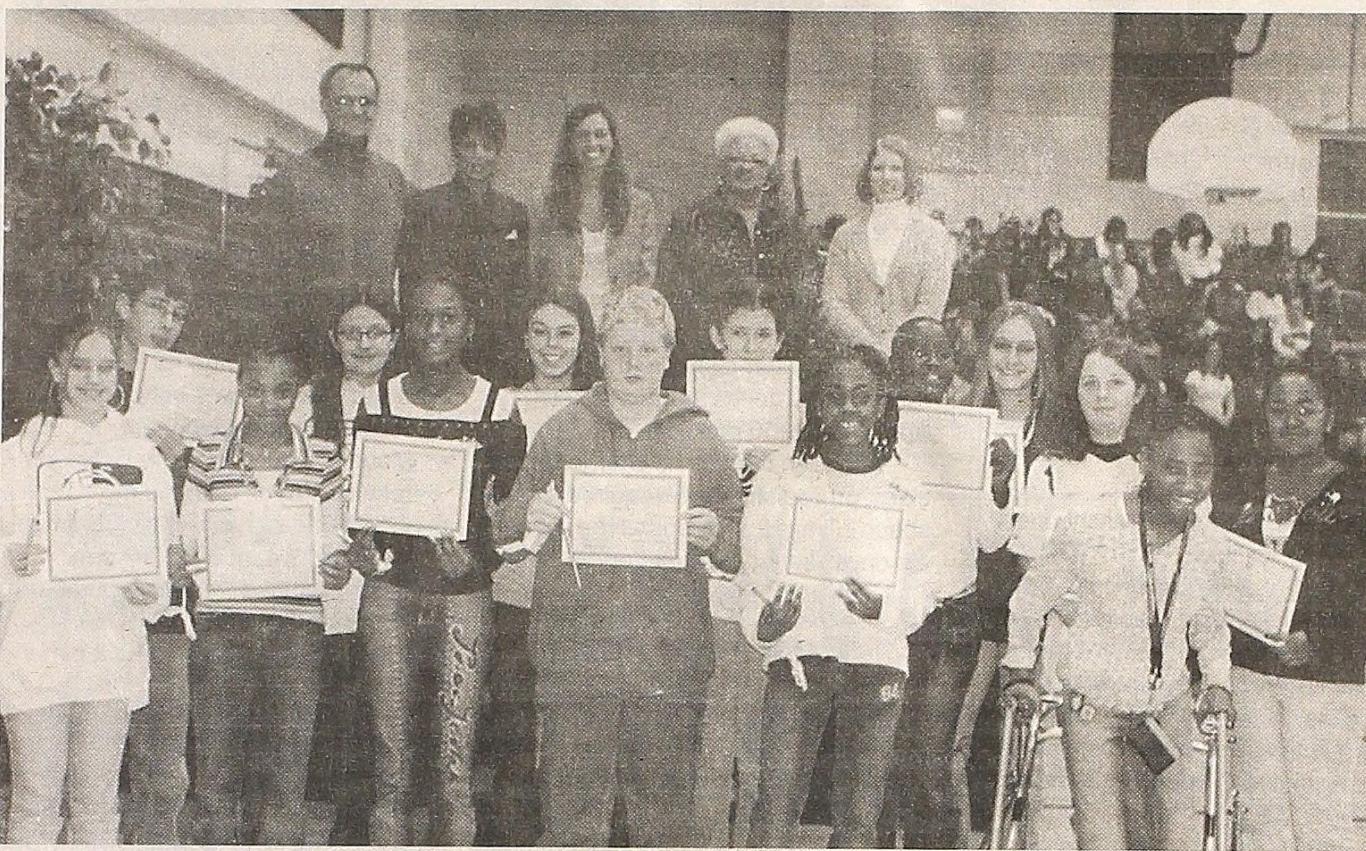
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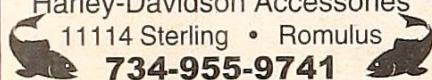
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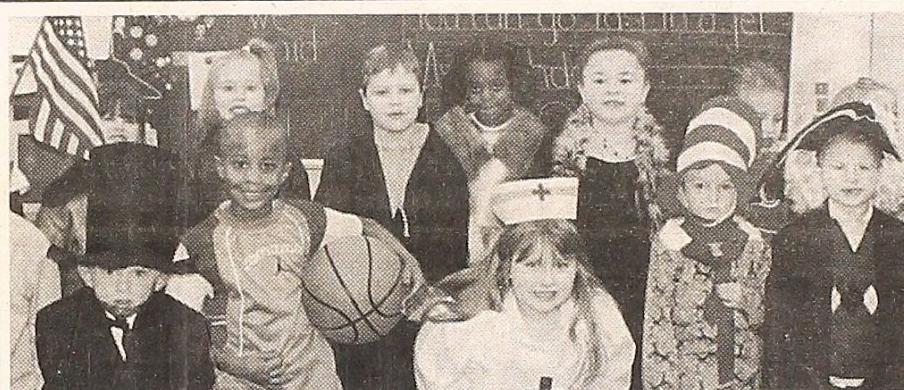
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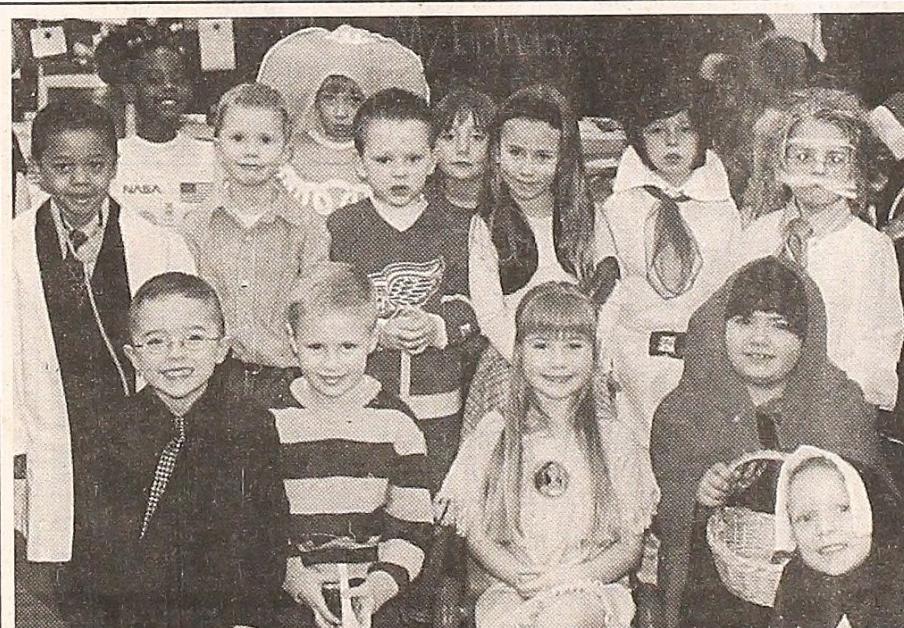
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Singing "Community" and reciting the poem, "Our Family Comes from 'Round the World" were members of Barth Elementary teacher Deborah Street's second-grade class (aka "The Soaring Superstars"): (from left) front – Amber Dyer, Megan Hines, Alana Tackett, Mackenna Sauer, Jacob Jones, Heather Howard, Branden Hayes, and Dayton Harrison; back – John Poet, Philip Sirhan, Calvin Smith, Christopher Weaver, Katrina Wilson, Jamie Laura, Austin Walker, Shawna Britz, and Vanessa Barden.



Barth kindergartners who starred as famous Americans in the school's Heritage Program included: (from left) front – Taylor Bergman, Jordan Street, Beverly Ducey, Austin Meyer, and Drake Hines; back – Felicity Laraway, Lauren Salmons, Patrick Paige, Porsche Ethridge, Xzaevia Wafer, and John Sova.

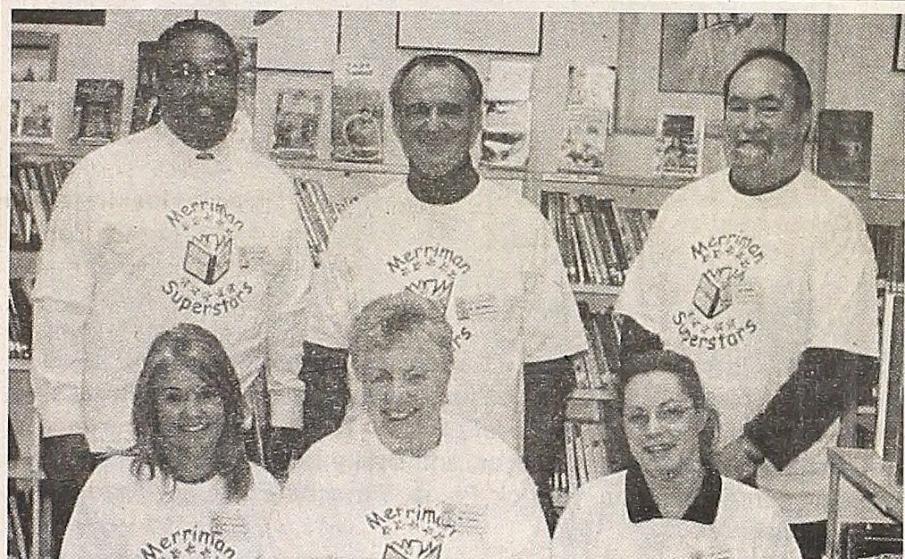


Other kindergartners who portrayed American heroes were: (from left) front – Cameron Arold, Jakob Sawinski, Kaelyn Wojtylko, Katelynn Clark, and Merry-Lynne Patterson; middle – D'Shon Akins, Dylan Green, Riley Bergeron, Alexandria Bates, Brendan Keys, and Thomas Bavol; back – Carmia Lowe, Jonathon Mahrle, and Brittanie Bijarro.

Celebrating Reading



Guest readers who took part in Merriman Elementary's recent Reading Month Celebration included: (from left) front – Preet Samra (children's librarian, Romulus Public Library), Mayor Alan R. Lambert, and Cheryle Buckley (trustee, Romulus Community Schools Board of Education); back – Tiffany Markovich (representative, "Reading First" program), Jill Covell (director, Boys & Girls Club of Romulus – Merriman site), Shellie Moore (principal, Merriman), and Renee Kish (school social worker).



Among the many district officials who read to students were: (from left) front – Sherri Papazoglou (director, Business and Operations), Betty Lenossi (Board trustee), and Celeste Roscoe (Board vice-president); back – Edward Clark (director, Human Resources), Kenneth Mientkiewicz (Board secretary), and Tom Dolan (director, Curriculum).



Sixth-grade teacher Simone Miller (right) and student Jacob Segur (left) were among those who welcomed guest reader Roscoe to their classroom.

Auction/Comedy Show Benefits Horn



Ed Horn

A fund-raiser for the family of Ed Horn, a Romulus Community Schools employee who was recently diagnosed with a rare form of cancer, will be held at Romulus High School (9650 Wayne Road, just north of I-94) on Tuesday, April 4, at 6 p.m. Highlights of the event will include hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction, and a comedy show featuring Mark Knope (seen on Comedy Central).

Tickets for this adults-only program are \$25 each. Call Pete Lopez (734-722-5310, ext. 1617), Molly McGlynn (734-532-1754), Kevin Galbraith (734-419-2089) or Jeff Trudel (734-759-5077) for reservations. □

Wick Presents Shakespeare's *Macbeth*



Wick Elementary fifth-/sixth-grade teacher Thomas Gibb-Randall (back, left) introduced some of the stars of the school's recent production of *Macbeth*. Pictured are: (from left) front – Jada Rachel, Aaliyah Mosley, Courtney Flagg, Dwayne Lately, Levi Eddings, and Da'Quan Ham; back – Jonathan Proctor, Jerry McCray, and Nicole Wilson.

Students from fifth-/sixth-grade teacher Tom Gibb-Randall's class at Wick Elementary recently gave two outstanding performances of William Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, receiving standing ovations for both.

"The student actors and actresses all spoke with clarity and good projection throughout the programs," said district spokesperson Dick Kruse. "The students had their lines ... memorized, and delivered them with confidence

throughout the two performances."

Even more impressive, said Kruse, were the scenery, lighting effects, and wardrobes.

"The students were really into this performance, were obviously well prepared, and had spent a lot of after-school preparation time on the program," Kruse noted. "Wick Elementary School teacher Tom Gibb-Randall and his cast should all be commended for this memorable performance."



Portraying the play's witches were (from left) Chelsea Shellman, Jillian Camilleri, Maya Davis, Christina Flint, Briana Bothwell, and Louise Hood.

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REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 13, 2006

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, February 13, 2006, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President April Frayer.

Roll call showed members Frayer, Celeste Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Betty Lenossi, Cheryle Buckley, and Thomas Kuderik present. Member Niema White was absent (excused). Administrators present were: Joel R. Carr, Superintendent; Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum; Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources; and Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Frayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

President Frayer requested that the agenda be amended as follows: Add "Plymouth Ice Spectacular 2006 Certificate of Participation" under "Report of the Superintendent."

2/06/1 Moved by Kuderik, supported by Buckley, to approve the Agenda as amended. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

2/06/2 Moved by Lenossi, supported by Kuderik, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 23, 2006, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

2/06/3 Moved by Buckley, supported by Mientkiewicz, to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 30, 2006, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Ms. April Frayer presented a Certificate of Participation to Nedra Harris for the ice-carving competition held at the Plymouth Ice Spectacular of 2006.

Personnel Actions

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following actions for Board approval.

EMPLOYMENT – FYI: Kimberly Webb, Secretary, Merriman Elementary School, Effective January 24, 2006.

RESIGNATION – FYI: Jaime Evans, French Fryer, Romulus Middle School, Last Day Worked: February 28, 2006.

Bills for Payment

2/06/4 Moved by Buckley, supported by Lenossi, to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Ms. Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Board Presentations – District Initiatives

Messrs. Tom Dolan and Doug Hoffman, and Mesdames Sharman Spieser, Pat McCollum, Phyllis Adkins, and Linda Cook were present to discuss the six integrated components that have been identified to support the district goal of increasing student achievement. They also responded to questions posed by members of the Board.

Field Trip – Cedar Point

2/06/5 Moved by Roscoe supported by Lenossi to approve the field trip to Cedar Point Amusement Park, Sandusky, Ohio, for Saturday, May 20, 2006, for Wick Elementary School's Student Safety Patrol Squad, Bus Callers, and Kindergarten Helpers at no cost to the district. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Appointment of MAISL Trust Voting Representative

2/06/6 Moved by Lenossi, supported by Buckley, that the Board appoint Sherri Papazoglou to be the MAISL Trust Representative. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

There were none.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following Items of Interest with members of the Board: 1) Romulus Elementary School Newsletter; 2) "Thank You" – Barbara Fortune; 3) The Merriman Star; 4) Barth Elementary Parent News; 5) Halecreek Elementary Newsletter; 6) "Thank You" – Ruthanne Lhiva; 7) "Thank You" Simona Miller; 8) Wick Elementary School Newsletter; and 9) CSR News at Merriman.

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERN OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Cheryle Buckley reminded the Board of the annual Cory Soul-Food Dinner, to be held at the Middle School Cafeteria on Wednesday, February 15, at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz passed out information on House Bills, etc., from Lansing, and discussed having a Study Session or something in the future with Board members involved in the budget process.

Mr. Thomas Kuderik asked how the VICA program is funded. For further details, check the Barth Elementary School Newsletter. Mr. Joel Carr responded that it came from the General Fund, and that they also do some fund-raising on their own.

Mrs. Betty Lenossi welcomed Mrs. Sherri Papazoglou to the Board and the District. She also asked whether substitute teachers had to be fingerprinted.

Ms. Celeste Roscoe commented about Halecreek's fund-raiser which involves the recycling of ink cartridges, cell phones, etc.

Mr. Carr addressed rumors of district layoffs. He stated that nothing has been done, and decisions will not be made until the future, when we begin working on the budget.

Barth's fund-raiser is the Script Program. One can purchase script certificates at Barth School for specific companies, and the school will receive a rebate from certificates used.

Mr. Tom Dolan talked about a Policy Committee Meeting to discuss bullying or threats regarding our students.

ADJOURNMENT:

2/06/7 Moved by Lenossi, supported by Roscoe, that the Meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Recreation Programs

Unless otherwise noted, registration for the following programs may be made any weekday between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the administrative offices of the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, now located at 11189 Shook Road (at Bibbins). Payment is due at the time of registration. For more information, call 734-941-8665.

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Participants should note the following general guidelines for recreation programs.

- Due to limits in some class sizes, there is no guarantee that openings will be available at the time of registration. Limited openings may be available after the posted deadline for registration.
- Payments may be made by cash or check unless otherwise noted.
- Refunds (minus a \$5 administration fee) will be given only in special circumstances deemed acceptable by the Recreation Department. Full refunds will be given only in cases where the class is canceled by the Recreation Department.
- Classes conducted in school buildings will not be held on "no-school" days.
- Absolutely no food or drinks are allowed in the schools.
- Proper shoes must be worn on gymnasium floors at all times.

Tang Soo Do

Tang soo do – an original form of tae kwon do – is a traditional versus Olympic style of martial arts. Participants ages three to adult will be taught self-defense techniques, grappling techniques, and hand-to-hand combat. Classes will meet from 6 to 7 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday from April 18 through May 25; class site will be announced at a later date.

Cost for the six-week session is \$35 for one person; \$65 for two immediate family members; or \$75 for three immediate family members. Register at the Recreation Office by Monday, April 17.

Peewee Soccer League

Participants in the Recreation Department's Peewee Soccer League for boys and girls in grades K-2 will learn the fundamentals of soccer while having fun with teammates. The six-week program will feature three weeks of practice followed by three weeks of games (one game per week). All practices and games will be held at the soccer fields behind the Romulus Senior Center (36525 Bibbins, corner of Shook) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from May 2 through June 8; there is no weekend commitment.

A cost of \$35 per child, or \$60 for two immediate family members, covers league play and a program T-shirt. Since space is limited, registrations will be accepted on a first-come/first-served basis. Absolutely no entries will be accepted after Monday, April 24, except to fill openings.

Coaches' Hoops

The Romulus Recreation Department invites you to come out and watch your favorite Youth Basketball Program coaches play a game against each other! Admission to the event – which will be held in the Romulus Middle School gymnasium on Thursday, April 13, at 6:30 p.m. – is free. No preregistration is required.

Summer Recreation

Check future issues of *The Romulus News* for updates on the City's annual Summer Recreation program, which will run from June 26 through August 4 for grades K-6, and from July 3 through August 4 for grades 7-9.

9-pin No-tap Tournament

Help support the Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter Fund by taking part in the Romulus Recreation Department's 9-pin No-tap Bowling Tournament, to be held at Romulus Lanes (37452 West Huron River Drive) on Saturday, April 29, at 1 p.m.

The tournament will offer handicap singles and doubles events, with averages handicapped at 80% of the difference from 210. An individual's average will be defined as his/her highest average from the current league season, as of January 1. If no figure is available from 2006, the bowler's highest average from his/her 2005 yearbook will be used. If the bowler has no league average, a figure of 180 will be assigned to men, and 160 to women.

Note: This is not a USBC-sanctioned tournament.

A cost of \$25 per person for one event or \$40 per person for both events includes ladies' and men's mystery games, cash prizes, and snacks. Prizes will be awarded for both men's and women's highest handicap series.

Jackpots and raffles are separate from the tournament.

Since space is limited, all entries will be accepted on a first-come/first-served basis. To make your reservation, or to obtain further information about this event, please call Romulus Lanes (734-941-6200), Councilman Bill Wadsworth (941-0616), Joe Ozog (941-3466), or Frank Ayers (734-729-7467).

Donations will be accepted at the event. □

Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, senior citizens program coordinator for the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (For more information about events at the new Romulus Senior Center, which is located at 36525 Bibbins, please call 734-955-4120.)

Senior Center Needs Your Help!

In pursuit of their goal to make the Romulus Senior Center the best around, programs coordinator Linda Norman and her staff are looking for suggestions for adding to or improving the programs now offered. Stop in and drop your suggestions into the box at the reception desk, or call and speak to a staff member.

"Remember," says Norman, "this center is yours; help us make it a place you want to be."

Men's Clubs Now Forming

The Romulus Senior Center is looking to start a couple of men's clubs. Suggestions for activities (poker, chess, bocce ball, etc.) are welcome.

Free Tax Preparation

From 12:30 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday through April 12, the Romulus Senior Center will be offering free tax preparation services (by appointment only) to low-income Romulus seniors (age 60 and older). The service will also be available at Romulus Tower.

A list of materials which must be brought to the appointment will be provided at the time of registration. These materials will include:

- W-2 forms,
- Unemployment compensation statements,
- SSA-1099 interest/dividends statements,
- 1099R pension/annuity statements,
- forms showing income taxes paid,
- last year's tax forms.

For more information, or to make an appointment, call the Center.

Help with Signing Up for Plan D

Linda Peak, case manager for the Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency, will be at the Romulus Senior Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month to assist senior citizens in signing up for Medicare Plan D. (Next date: April 26.)

Seniors planning to consult with Peak should bring their Social Security and Medicare cards, a list of medications, proof of income, and any paperwork they have received about Plan D or the Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP).

Free Transportation Service

Romulus senior citizens can now hitch a free ride from the friendly people at the Senior Center.

Transportation is available (by advance appointment) to anyplace within the city limits, as well as to Oakwood Annapolis Hospital (Wayne), Oakwood Heritage Hospital (Taylor), and Belleville Medical Clinic.

Call the Center for more info.

Shopping Trips

Romulus seniors can ride the Center's van, free of charge, for shopping at Family Dollar at 10 a.m. on Monday, March 27. Seating is limited; advance registration is required.

Special Trips

Special trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center include:

- **Windsor Raceway and Slots** (April 6),
- **Grand Victoria Resort and Casino** (April 10-11),
- **Motor City Casino** (April 20), and
- **Windsor Raceway and Slots** (May 31).

Sign up at the Center.

Regular Programs

Besides the many special activities offered at the Romulus Senior Center, a number of regularly scheduled free or low-cost programs include:

- Ceramics (Mondays, 12:30 p.m.),
- Bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- Bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- Fun Night (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),
- Game Day (Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m.).

Walk for Your Health

Ride the Senior Center's van to Wayne County Community College's Western Campus each Monday and Friday at 12:30 p.m. for an hour of safe indoor walking at your own pace. Sign up at the Center to reserve your seat.

The Center strongly urges anyone considering a change in his/her exercise program to consult a doctor beforehand.

Hot Lunches

The Romulus Senior Center serves a hot lunch at 11:30 a.m. each weekday for a donation of \$1.75.

Call at least 24 hours in advance for a reservation.

Sign Up for Senior Newsletter

Want a more comprehensive list of programs and activities at the Romulus Senior Center, plus helpful tips on issues important to senior citizens? Sign up for the *Communicator*, the Center's free monthly newsletter. Just stop in or call and ask to be added to the mailing list. □

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

If you are a resident of Romulus, *The Romulus News* will be happy to print an announcement of your new addition (child or grandchild). If possible, please enclose a photograph of your new arrival. There is no charge. Just fill out the following information and mail to:

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Attach any additional information concerning the birth to this form.

ENGAGEMENT/WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

If you, or your parents, are residents of Romulus, *The Romulus News* will be happy to print an announcement of your engagement or wedding. If possible, please enclose a photograph. There is no charge. Just fill out the following information and mail to:

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Obituaries

Hazen P. "Ping" Hay

Hazen P. "Ping" Hay of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, March 9, 2006, at the age of 85.

Ping was born in Romulus on Sunday, August 1, 1920, and married Dorothy M. Nelson in St. Louis, Missouri, on Tuesday, March 17, 1942. The U.S. Army veteran and member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #9568 (Romulus) was the owner of Hay Plumbing and Heating from 1982 to 1995.

Surviving Ping are his wife, Dorothy M. (Nelson) Hay; a son, Larry (Marion) Hay (Bear, Delaware); a daughter, Karen S. Gregory (Polk City, FL); 3 brothers, Robert A. Hay (Indian River, MI), Fred

(Helen) Hay (Romulus), and Jack (Kathy) Hay (South Lyon, MI); 6 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Among those who predeceased him were his parents, Alfred C. and Lillian (Hall) Hay, and a brother, Gordon Hay, (who passed away in October 2000).

A funeral service was held at Community United Methodist Church (Romulus), with Reverend John Grenfell III (First United Methodist Church, Belleville, MI) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). Arrangements were entrusted to Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

Lillian S. Patrias

Lillian S. Patrias of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, February 28, 2006, at the age of 79.

Lillian was born on April 13, 1926, in Andersonville, Tennessee. A Romulus resident for 45 years, she enjoyed knitting, crocheting, and – most of all – her family. She was an avid reader and a member of the Friends of the Romulus Public Library as well as a charter member of the Romulus Historical Society. She will be greatly missed.

Lillian was the beloved wife of Clements Patrias; mother of Mary Ann (Tom) Michniewicz, Jeanne Foust, Linda Patrias, Michael Patrias, Stephen (Delaine) Patrias, and Frances (Daniel) Wicker II; loving grandmother of John Michniewicz, Mark (Jenny) Michniewicz, Leslie (Mike) McCarthy, Jeff (Sharon)

Foust, Angela Jividen, Michael (Tiffany) Patrias, Kayla Van Buren, Katie Van Buren, Stephanie Wicker, Daniel Wicker III, Phillip Wicker, and Matthew Wicker; great-grandmother of Nicholas Patrias, Joshua Jividen, Austin Foust, Emma Michniewicz, James Michniewicz, Rebeka Michniewicz, Maggie Michniewicz, Samantha McCarthy, and Hollie Patrias; and sister of Ralph Nelson, John Nelson, Paul Nelson, Opal Monroe, Tommie Bennette, and Willie Sadler.

Among those who predeceased her were her parents, 2 sisters, and a brother.

A funeral mass was held on Saturday, March 4, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus). Rosary and visitation were at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home (Flat Rock). Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Donald A. Wojciechowski, Jr.

Donald A. Wojciechowski, Jr., of Wayne, Michigan, passed away Thursday, March 16, 2006. He was 47 years old.

The native of Romulus, Michigan –

born on Wednesday, September 10, 1958 – enjoyed hunting, flea markets, and yard sales.

Surviving Donald are his son, Donald A. Wojciechowski, III (Redford, MI); his daughter, Celeste (William) Corp (Bellaire, OH); a brother, Daniel R. Wojciechowski (Taylor, MI); 2 sisters, Victoria (William) Montoya (Romulus) and Andrea (Timothy) Wint (Munith, MI); a grandchild, Dakota Lynn Corp; a niece, Brandi Wint; and 2 nephews, Timothy Wint and Daniel Wojciechowski.

Among those who preceded him in passing were his parents, Donald A. Sr. and Donna Joyce (Hoffman) Wojciechowski, as well as a brother, Robert D. Wojciechowski.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, March 22, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Father Festus Ejimadu (St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Romulus) officiating. Cremation rites were accorded. □

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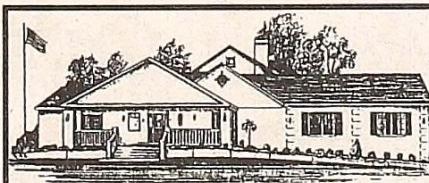
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